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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The matter is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the tenants are not in a position to pay the first instalment within the prescribed time? If so, will the Government be pleased to take steps as early as possible to safeguard their interests? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, the Act applies to the whole State and we cannot be making an invidious distinction as between district and district. If at all there is any difficulty, it must be experienced all over the State and not in a particular district alone."

* *Short Notice Question No.* 19.—SRI C. H. KANARAN : Will the Hon. Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the agriculturists of Malabar in the last week of June 1955 regarding the extension of time for the payment of the first instalment of the agriculturists' debts as per the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Act, 1955;

(b) whether the Government have received any representation from the Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly from Malabar in this matter; and

(c) if so, what action was taken on the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) The matter is under consideration."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, cases are pending against thousands and thousands of peasants because they are not able to pay the first instalment within the prescribed time. Eviction proceedings are going on in Malabar. So, will the Government take immediate action in the matter and see that the creditors do not evict them and take away their lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The provisions of the Act will operate. If we meddle too much with the credit system of this country, it will be very difficult for people to get credit. As it is, the rural credit system has had a rude shock. So, it is not advisable to further interfere with it."

9-20 a.m. SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, a special appeal was made by the Members of the Legislature from Malabar and also by the peasants and tenants requesting Government for granting extension of time for the payment of instalments due as per the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Act as, due to heavy rains during last May and consequent floods, people had to suffer very much. In view of this special reason, may

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I know whether the Government will consider the request sympathetically?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"If there are special reasons as far as dues due to the Government are concerned and if they are brought to the notice of the Government, they will consider the matter. But with regard to the relationship of private persons, the Government cannot interfere."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—"May I know if the Government have received any letter from the Collector of Malabar in this connection?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"Yes, Sir. The Government have received a report."

Madras Corporation in the Second Five-Year Plan

* *Short Notice Question No.* 20.—SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Corporation of Madras has sent any proposals for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Local Administration) :—"(*a*) Yes, Sir.

"(*b*) Provision for the following schemes has been made in the preliminary draft proposals for the Second Five-Year Plan forwarded to the Government of India :—

Name of scheme.	Provision proposed (Rupees in lakhs.
(1) Schemes relating to Works Department (road and bridge works and improvements to street-lighting).	**143·00**
(2) Water-supply and Drainage Schemes.	**350·00**
(3) Construction of markets, cart-stands, slaughter-houses, bus-stands, etc.	**65·00"**

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—"Sir, were any instructions or any advice communicated to the Corporation when inviting these proposals?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Yes, Sir. Only after consulting the Corporation we have forwarded these proposals to the Planning Commission. In addition to that, the Mayor of Madras has made representations to me that